

HERITAGE COMMISSION MINUTES MAY 10, 2001

The meeting of the North Hampton Heritage Commission opened at 9:10 in the New Hampshire Room of the North Hampton Library. Members present were Jane Palmer, Bob Southworth, Priscilla Leavitt, Barbara Hobby, Howard Smith, and Jane Meneghin. Anna Pike arrived later.

Jane Palmer handed out the Minutes from the April 17, 2001 meeting and the Historic Houses project worksheets.

She then reported that she had attended the meeting of the Planning Board, during which time Howard Smith's membership in the Commission was approved.

Jane reported that a representative from Stonehill Environmental, Inc., to whom she had written a letter with questions in regard to a proposed communications tower at 24 Walnut Avenue, had responded with a only a question. In her letter to Joseph Pasquale, with copies to the North Hampton Planning Board, Conservation Commission, and Historical Society, Jane asked three questions in regard to Project #20093:

1. What the distance would be between the tower and the 150-year-old house.
2. What portion of the tower the trees would obscure?
3. Would a tree tower be considered?

We are still waiting for a response to her questions. Bob and Howard agreed to meet at the site of the proposed tower in order to assess the situation.

Howard then gave Jane the material that he had received in regard to the Preservation Alliance award. He has telephoned them, but can only get a recording.

At this time, Jane had to leave in order to attend a funeral, so Bob agreed to run the meeting.

During the discussion of the Historic Houses Project, we decided that the award certificates would be issued to houses with architectural significance. Howard suggested that we get a list of the town's historic houses because the current inventory is incomplete. Bob collected the worksheets that had been completed.

Bob asked how many brochures we have left, and suggested that several changes should be made in the next printing of the brochure. Whether or not to charge for the remaining brochures was discussed. It was decided that we should be more lenient in giving them to those who request them; that the money that comes in should be given to Ruth Griffin, the treasurer of the Historical Society, to be deposited in the Heritage Commission account; and that we should not charge for the remainders. "It is the nature of the project"; i.e., not to recoup the expenses. Bob then made a motion that we should give them out; it was seconded and passed.

Priscilla asked whether the Heritage Commission had given monetarily to Richard and Susannah for their work on the brochure. It was decided that we will give the \$797.55 remaining in our treasury to Richard and Susannah, and ask the Historical Society to donate something. Bob made a motion that we retain \$100 in our account; the motion was seconded and passed.

Barbara and Anna agreed to remain as alternates, and Howard Smith agreed to serve as chairman.

The meeting adjourned at 10:20. The next meeting will be held Thursday, June 7 at 9:00 A.M. at the NHPL.

Jane Meneghin